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When Roger Wheeler first considered buying World Jai Alai, he had a number of discussions with Tommy Lee.

Roger Wheeler and Telex Corporation once talked about buying the Autotote Company which was then owned by an Australian. However, they did not make this purchase. Tommy Lee then purchased Autotote at a later date. Roger Wheeler reconsidered his decision not to buy Autotote when he heard Tommy Lee was considering buying it.

	first met Tor	my Lee in rela	tion with
employme	ent and activi	ties connected	with World
Jai Alai. There are no current connections or dealings			
between	and	Tommy Lee.	does
not personally 1:	ke Le <u>e. The</u> :	<u>e</u> is no person	al relationship
at all between Lee	and		-

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World Jai Alai, advised that negotiations had first started for the formation of Summer Jai Alai in 1976. The purchase and final formation of Summer Jai Alai as an entity had been completed in the early part of 1980. Summer Jai Alai was formed with four different entities owning 25-percent of the new company. These entities were the Biscayne Dog Track. Hollywood Dog Track, by the with 20-percent and with 20-percent and world Jai Alai owned by the Wheeler family.
Summer Jai Alai had been formed as a trust on the request of Roger Wheeler due to Wheeler's ownership of Jai Alai operations in Connecticut and Florida. However, the Internal Revenue Service later ruled that even though it was called a trust it was in fact a corporation for tax purposes. This ruling by the Internal Revenue Service caused some of the other partners to have to pay additional taxes on their income from Summer Jai Alai. Between the close of the Summer Jai Alai playing season in 1980 and the opening of the summer season in 1981, the agreement between the four partners had been re-negotiated. This new agreement had been signed on May 14, 1981, and the Summer Jai Alai playing season opened on May 15, 1981.
advised that even though the four companies owned 25-percent each of Summer Jai Alai they did not all get 25-percent of the proceeds from the operation of the company. Various companies got more or less depending on how the operation of Summer Jai Alai effected their other businesses.
In this regard the Flegler Dog Track got "screwed" because they competed most directly with the Summer Jai Alai operation. They received greater than 25-percent of the income from Summer Jai Alai but it was not adequate to make up for their loss of business to Summer Jai Alai. previously operated the Flegler Dog Track but he has now been forced out of actual operation. This was in part due to the Summer Jai Alai situation.
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